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|  | Application No. Filing I<br>10/602,671-Conf. #1973 June 25 |                              |                                   | Examiner<br>R. Baum |  | Art Unit<br>2136         |  |
| Applicant(s): Yukinori NOGUCHI   |  |                              |                                   |                     |  |                          |  |
| Invention: IMAGE DATA MANAGEMENT APPARATUS   |  |                              |                                   |                     |  |                          |  |
| MS AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.                         |  |                              |                                   |                     |  |                          |  |
| The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.   |  |                              |                                   |                     |  |                          |  |
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| Total Claims   | 8 .  | - 20 =                       | 0                                 | x 50.00             |  | 0.00                     |  |
| Independent<br>Claims  | 1  | - 3 =                        | 0                                 | x 200.00            |  | 0.00                     |  |
| Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable)  |  |                              |                                   |                     |  |                          |  |
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## AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Sir:

## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated June 11, 2007, finally rejecting claims 1-5, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.